

While I never had the opportunity to meet Maci Grace, I know through her parents and those who knew her that she touched many lives in the two years she was here on Earth.

Maci Grace is the daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Eickman. As a parent, I join them in mourning. Through innocence Marci Grace fought her disease with strength, which stands as an inspiration today. We must continue to search for a cure to help the one in 100,000 children born with this rare disease.

Mr. Speaker, there is no foot so small that it cannot leave an imprint on this world. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in extending our deepest condolences to Maci's family and friends during this difficult time. Parents should never have to bury their children.

CONGRATULATING THE KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU ON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Knox County Farm Bureau on its 100th Anniversary. Ever since the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation was organized in 1918, it has served an essential role in the growth and development of the agriculture industry throughout Illinois.

The Knox County Farm Bureau advocates for agriculture, assists farmers with legislative issues and provides leadership opportunities for members of all ages. The organization's Committees and Task Forces provide their members with many programs, functions, and opportunities to continually improve their farming practices. Community and farmer education, in addition to your scholarship and internship programs have also increased awareness and spurred innovation on the issues that relate to the future success of agriculture in Knox County and ultimately the quality of life in our region.

It is because of dedicated groups such as the Knox County Farm Bureau that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Knox County Farm Bureau on its 100th Anniversary and thank the organization for all of its service to the farmers in our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for roll call votes on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on final passage for H. Res. 990, Supporting the officers and personnel who carry out the important mission of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (RC No. 337.) It is disheartening to see my Democrat colleagues in Congress demonizing the men and women who make a daily sacrifice to se-

cure our borders. As an original co-sponsor of this legislation, I am proud to support the heroic officers who carry out the important mission at our border to preserve our national security and protect our families.

ELECTRONIC MESSAGE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1376, the "Electronic Message Preservation Act of 2017," which helps ensure the preservation of federal agency electronic messages.

Mr. Speaker, it is critical that we are able to preserve records of activities and to have appropriate systems to manage and preserve those reports relating to Presidential records, and for other purposes.

According to CBO, enacting H.R. 1376 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

First, such regulations as a minimum must require the electronic capture, management, and preservation of such electronic records in accordance with the Federal Records Act.

Second, they must also require such records to be retrievable through electronic searches.

Third, it is imperative to include timelines for federal agency implementation of the regulations that ensure compliance as expeditiously as practicable.

Mr. Speaker, enacting H.R. 1376 will help preserve records of activities by requiring NARA to oversee and issue guidance on managing federal records, including email messages.

CBO estimates that any net changes in direct spending by those agencies would be insignificant.

Enacting this bill would not affect revenues.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 1376 and standing true to our nation's commitment to advancing security in managing and preserving records.

COMMEMORATING BRANDT ON THEIR 65TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize the Brandt Consolidated Inc. on celebrating 65 years of excellence serving global agriculture and other related industries. From their humble beginnings in Pleasant Plains, Brandt has grown to serve agriculture in all 50 states and in 45 countries with facilities located across the United States, Brazil and Spain.

While expanding globally, Brandt has remained deeply rooted in the rich soil of central Illinois. By helping farmers increase their production and profits season after season, they have become a major economic driver in West

Central Illinois and across the globe. Their vast and diverse portfolio of agronomic goods, turf and ornamental brands and home gardening products has helped revolutionize the world's ability to supply food, fuel and fiber. I am proud to say that Brandt continues to call the 18th Congressional District home.

Once again I would like to congratulate them on serving global agriculture for 65 years. We look forward to your next 65 years and more of continued success.

THE LUSK CREEK KAYAK RAMP

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of the hard-working men and women of the Shawnee National Forest Service, the Lusk Conservancy District and the Pope County Board of Commissioners. Together these groups were able to come together to make the Lusk Creek Kayak Ramp to give Southern Illinois residents safer and easier boat access to Lusk Creek and to revitalize tourism in the area.

On October 27, 2016, I met with the Pope County Chairman of the Commissioner's Board, Larry Richards. Mr. Richards asked for my assistance in helping to get a boat launch ramp built on Lusk Creek, a project that would help both tourists and local citizens alike access the creek. A few days later, I called the Shawnee Forest Service about the project and they were eager to share their progress.

Over the course of 2016 and early 2017, the Shawnee Forest Service and the Lusk Conservancy District developed a strong partnership. Together they completed an Environmental Assessment and began construction. They worked closely to address environmental concerns and create a sustainable, safe recreation area. This newly constructed project, finished in August of 2017, represents the only public developed access point on Lusk Creek upstream from the State Recreation Area Marina in Golconda, Illinois. I have recently visited the completed project, the Lusk Creek Kayak Ramp, and was impressed with what these different organizations in the area were able to come together to create.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Shawnee National Forest Service, the Lusk Conservancy District and the Pope County Board of Commissioners for this achievement.

HONORING LIBERTY SAFES

HON. JOHN R. CURTIS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to honor Liberty Safes for being chosen to attend the Made in America Showcase this year.

Liberty Safes is the largest seller of full-size residential safes in the U.S. and manufactures over 120,000 safes a year. Headquartered in Payson, Utah, Liberty Safes is an important component of Utah's economy—employing nearly 400 Utahns and utilizing Utah steel

suppliers and other local companies. In fact, 90 percent of the materials that Liberty Safes uses for its products originate in the U.S. As the number one seller of full-size safes in the country, Liberty Safes demonstrate that products made in the U.S. with American materials can be the best in the world.

Liberty Safes was chosen to represent Utah at this year's Made in America Product Showcase at the White House. The showcase will feature a company from each state that produces exceptionally made American products. Liberty Safes will have the opportunity to showcase their technologically advanced and innovative products to President Trump and prominent business leaders at the event.

Having been closely involved in small business and local manufacturing myself, I applaud the success of Liberty Safes and its commitment to manufacturing its products in the U.S. with American materials. American-based companies and manufacturers remain an integral part of our economy and a primary driver of prosperity for all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Liberty Safes for being selected to represent Utah at the Made in America Product Showcase.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for roll call votes on Thursday, July 19, 2018 because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on final passage for H. Con. Res. 119, which expresses the sense of Congress that a carbon tax is not in the best interest of the United States. Like any federal mandate that intervenes in our economy, a carbon tax would reward special-interests at the expense of American families. Further, carbon taxes are regressive and would disproportionately burden lower and middle class families.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MASTER SERGEANT DANNY D. REYNOLDS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 23, 2018

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career of Master Sergeant Danny D. Reynolds.

In 1988, MSG Reynolds entered the Indiana Army National Guard. After completing Basic Training and Advance Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, MSG Reynolds became active duty on July 25, 1990. He was first assigned to Delta Company 15th Engineer Battalion, 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. From there, MSG Reynolds served all over the world, from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to as far away as Yongsan, South Korea.

Deployed on numerous operational assignments around the globe and through some of our nation's toughest times, MSG Reynolds

stood ready to answer the call to serve our great nation. Some of his most notable engagements took place in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom and during his two deployments with the Theater Civil Military Support Element in support of Special Operations Command Pacific. Throughout these operations, he delivered on the promise to keep America safe and confront our enemies head on under the most difficult conditions.

During his career, MSG Reynolds received numerous medals, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, and the Combat Action Badge. His foreign badges include Korean, French and German Parachutist Badges. These awards and decorations are a testimony to his monumental success in safe-guarding America.

While defending our nation overseas, MSG Reynolds most important commitment was to his family back home. He and his wife, Michele, raised five children during MSG Reynolds' illustrious career. This country cannot repay the debt we owe to MSG Reynolds and his family—the Reynolds' are true American heroes. I wish him well in what is sure to be an active retirement.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in commemorating the career of Master Sergeant Danny D. Reynolds.

INNOVATIVE STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 3906, the "Innovative Storm water Infrastructure Act of 2018."

H.R. 3906 directs the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish a stormwater infrastructure funding task force to study and develop recommendations to improve the availability of public and private sources of funding for stormwater infrastructure.

Houston area residents understand the importance of infrastructure that can mitigate the effects of storm water.

After making landfall, circled back and held in place for nearly four days, Hurricane Harvey dropped an unprecedented amount of rain in the Houston area—so much rain, in fact, that the flood area itself began to act like an inland sea, feeding moisture back into the storm to be dropped as yet more rain.

Hurricane Harvey brought more than 64 inches of rain to the Houston area, flooding 203,000 homes, 13 Superfund sites, and more than 800 wastewater treatment facilities.

The damage caused by Hurricane Harvey exceeds \$125 billion.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, second only to Hurricane Katrina.

Nine out of 19 of the official river gauges in Harris County, Texas, recorded all-time-high water levels.

Nederland, Texas recorded 60.58 inches of rainfall, making Hurricane Harvey the highest

total rainfall ever recorded in the continental United States. Rainfall within a tenth of an inch of that total was recorded in Groves, a neighboring community.

These both exceed the previous U.S. rainfall record of 52 inches, set by Hurricane Hiki in Hawaii in 1950.

Eighteen locations in southeastern Texas broke previous tropical rainfall records in the contiguous United States, which was set by Tropical Storm Amelia in Medina, Texas in 1978.

Six to ten feet was the maximum water levels above the ground, which occurred near the areas where Harvey made landfall.

Fifty-seven tornadoes were reported during the Hurricane Harvey storm, about half of which occurred near or south of the Houston metro area.

At its peak on September 1, 2017, one-third of Houston was underwater.

Over 300,000 structures flooded in southeastern Texas, where extreme rainfall hit many areas that are densely populated.

Hurricane Harvey is the largest housing disaster to strike the U.S. in our nation's history.

Hurricane Harvey damaged 203,000 homes, of which 12,700 were completely destroyed.

Texans continue to work to recover, but thousands still are not able to return to flood damaged homes.

Next month marks a year since floodwaters swamped America's fourth-largest city, the extent of this environmental assault is beginning to surface, while questions about the long-term consequences for human health remain unanswered.

As disasters become more frequent and populations living in vulnerable areas increase, interest in the health effects of exposure to the combination of natural and technological disasters has grown.

According to experts, when rain falls on the roofs of our homes, streets, and parking lots in cities and their suburbs, the water is unable to soak into the ground as it should.

When a rainstorm occurs, rainwater hits the streets and gravity takes it on the path of least resistance.

Stormwater drains through gutters, storm sewers, and other engineered collection systems and is discharged into nearby water bodies.

Across the country, in every community, rain mixes with chemicals, oils, and other harmful pollutants to flood into our waterways.

Further, higher flows resulting from heavy rains can also cause erosion and flooding in urban streams, damaging habitat, property, and infrastructure.

H.R. 3906 will establish a stormwater infrastructure funding task force program such as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Program (NPDES).

This program is designed to prevent stormwater runoff from washing harmful pollutants into local waterbodies.

Some 500 chemical plants, 10 refineries and more than 6,670 miles of intertwined oil, gas and chemical pipelines line the nation's largest energy corridor.

Nearly 500 Million gallons of industrial wastewater mixed with storm water surged out of just one chemical plant in Baytown, east of Houston, on the upper shores of Galveston Bay.

Benzene, vinyl chloride, butadiene, and other known human carcinogens were among